

REMARKS

In complete response to the outstanding Official Action of October 15, 2007, on the above-identified application, reconsideration is respectfully requested. Claims 17-19 and 22-26 remain in this application. Claims 12-16 and 20-21 have been cancelled.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that claims 17-19 and 22-26 are free of the prior art. Claims 17, 18, and 22-25 are currently amended to include the limitations of the cancelled base claims and all cancelled intervening claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the current amendments, the present application now stands in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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